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## SMELTER ORDINANCE FINALLY ADOPTED BY SUPERVISORS

**Large Delegation of Citizens Present Who  
Endeavor to Induce Board to Recon-  
sider Its Previous Action**

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting held last Monday, in Redwood City, declined to reconsider its action of two weeks previous in adopting an ordinance restricting the operating of smelters in this county.

The ordinance was prepared by the Home Protection Association of San Mateo County.

A large delegation of citizens were present from South City and the northern part of San Mateo County to endeavor to induce the Supervisors to hold the ordinance in abeyance for a reasonable time before finally adopting it, so that the smelter side of the question could be heard, the Board having previously only heard testimony from the anti-smelter side.

A largely signed petition was filed with the Board, asking that it give the smelter people an opportunity of appearing before it and giving expert and practical evidence that the proposed smelter at this place would do no damage to the surrounding country. The petition was signed by all the large manufacturing and commercial interests in this section, besides merchants and many citizens and property owners.

The ordinance which was repassed Monday is entitled an "ordinance regulating and licensing the operation of smelters and providing for supervision thereof for the purpose of preventing injury from oxides of sulphur, arsenic, flue dust or other noxious substances generated thereat." Among its other provisions it provides that "whereas it appears to the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County that smelters which discharge smoke, gases, fumes and air containing oxides of sulphur, arsenic and other noxious substances have been injurious to public health, it shall be unlawful for any person to permit to escape from the flue, chimney, directly or indirectly connected with the furnaces into the fresh air, any air, smoke, gases or fumes which contain more than two grains of sulphur trioxide, sulphuric anhydride per cubic foot." It also provides that a graduated tax shall be paid by any smelter doing business in the county, according to the amount of ore smelted per day, and it lays on

the shoulder of the health officer of the county the burden of carrying out most of its provisions.

During a portion of the day's argument Supervisor J. Eikerenkotter broke into the debate between W. H. Chickering, counsel for the smelter people, and John E. Bennett, attorney for the Bay Shore Water Company, who fathered the Home Protective Association, with the sensational statement: "I have been in this Board for eight years and I must say that this is the first time that I have ever seen a measure of any kind passed before where both the parties, or all of the parties affected, were not present and allowed a hearing."

This drew out the retort from the chairman: "It has not been done in this case, either," which in turn drew from W. J. Martin, representing the South City Improvement Club, that "it has been done here and you are trying to do it again today."

In brief, the argument of those favoring a smelter is that the installation of such a plant, costing, as it will, more than \$5,000,000 and attracting trade and railroads in numbers to that portion of the peninsula which needs them most, is a thing much to be desired by all concerned. The daily output of such a plant, when running to its full capacity, would amount to 5000 tons of copper ore, drawn from all parts of the Pacific Coast, and would employ about 3000 men in doing nearly \$50,000,000 worth of business annually.

J. C. Braden, local manager of the American Smelting and Refining Company, stated, after hearing that the ordinance had been repassed by the board, "that his company had been working for two years on an electrical contrivance by which it hopes to condense the vapors." He declined to go into details regarding this process, saying that its inventor insisted that absolute secrecy be kept until his plans had been completed and proved a success.

Supervisors Eikerenkotter and Debenedetti voted against the adoption of the ordinance.

Following is an interesting article culled from the Los Angeles Times. An effort is being made in that section

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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS TOLD IN BRIEF

RESIDENTS of South City are requested to furnish this office with any news items that they know of from time to time. There is a letter box attached to our front door, in which written items can be placed. Please write on one side of paper and sign your name to it. THE ENTERPRISE desires to print all the local happenings, and the people of South City can be of material help.

P. Cladius of San Francisco was a local visitor Friday.

Miss Rossi of Colma was a local visitor Monday.

Special prices in Ladies' Winter Waists at Schneider's.

Miss Justine DuBois was up from San Mateo Sunday.

Born—In South City, to the wife of H. Werner, nee Edna Wilson a son.

Mrs. Bauer of Sebastopol is visiting at the home of her uncle P. L. Kauffmann.

Mrs. B. F. Edwards is down from Vacaville owing to the illness of her son Leslie.

Mrs. D. R. Patten who has been recuperating in Vacaville returned home last week.

A. Wilson of San Francisco was in town Thursday looking after property interests.

Leslie Edwards is confined at his home with a serious attack of pneumonia.

Miss Jennie Lawson, sister of Mrs. H. G. Plymire, returned to her home in Oakland Friday.

Come and see the nice assortment of score cards this office has, suitable for card parties.

Mrs. Harriet L. Marshall, a land owner in South City, was in town Thursday. Mrs. Marshall intends to make her home here temporarily.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Evens left last week for a trip east. They intend to make a short visit in Chicago and will then return and make their home in California.

The Board of Trade of South City will hold a meeting on Thursday January 30th at 8 p. m. for the purpose of electing officers. The meeting will be held at the offices of Secretary H. E. Styles. All members are requested to be present.

The upper part of Grand Avenue is being improved by the local land company. Several loads of crushed rock are being placed upon it which will make travel on that thoroughfare much easier.

The employees of the packing house have subscribed \$134.85 to be given to the widow of the late Ed Devaloni, who was instantly killed by the explosion of a rendering tank in that institution several days ago. Friends of the family have subscribed an additional \$40.

The Good Templars will hold an open meeting Tuesday, January 28th. There will be a short musical program, after which Captain Dutton will lecture. Captain is a very pleasing as well as forceful speaker and everyone will feel the evening well spent in listening to him. All come to the Metropolitan Hall Tuesday evening and hear him.

**SURPRISE PARTY.**

An enjoyable surprise party was given to Harry Cavassa and wife Thursday evening at the Dr. H. G. Plymire residence on Spruce Avenue. Progressive hearts was played until a late hour. Margaret Kauffmann received first prize, having held the fewest hearts. Emma Eikerenkotter received the booby prize having held 105 hearts. Harold Hulburt won the first gentlemen's prize and Harry Cavassa the booby prize. Those present were: Mrs. W. J. Martin, Mrs. Dr. Harry Plymire,

## IMPROVEMENT CLUB GETTING READY FOR ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

**Is Perfecting a Constitution and By-Laws--  
Will Give an Entertainment  
and Ball Soon**

The South City Improvement Club is perfecting arrangements to commence a general campaign of improvement in this locality soon as the spring season opens.

It will no doubt adopt a new constitution and by-laws at its meeting next Monday evening.

The club was largely represented at the last meeting of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, at which time it was desired that an ordinance practically prohibiting the operation of smelters in this county should not be adopted until smelter representatives could be given a hearing on the question. A majority of the Board finally adopted the ordinance.

There are several matters of benefit to South City that the club will take up from time to time and endeavor to put into operation.

Better lights and sidewalks have been obtained in the business section through the efforts of the club.

It is desired that all citizens and property owners who are interested in the development of South City should join the club.

There are so many inquiries from outside sources and visitors to this place that there is some talk of establishing a headquarters under the jurisdiction of the club where all kinds of information about this portion of San Mateo County can be given out and visitors courteously shown the country.

The South City Improvement Club is rapidly becoming a successful institution for good.

The club intends to give a grand entertainment and ball on the evening of Washington's Birthday—February the 22d, the purpose being to raise funds for the benefit of the club.

### Wife Asks Divorce.

Mrs. Ella F. Morgan of Ellsworth street, Redwood City, has filed a suit for divorce against Edward T. Morgan on the ground of desertion. The Morgans came from Los Angeles. Two months ago Morgan had the San Mateo police on his trail on account of his aptitude in passing alleged bad checks. Morgan's wife said he drew the checks on a Los Angeles bank, where she had an account, to pay his bills at cafes, where he ran accounts. He said he was a special writer employed by a San Francisco weekly paper.

### Sunday Schools to Meet.

The convention of Sunday schools of San Mateo county will be held January 28th at the Methodist Episcopal church in San Mateo. Both an afternoon and evening session will be held, at which church workers will deliver addresses.

A few Ladies' Furs left which we are selling at cost. W. C. Schneider.

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### NEW KITE-SHAPED ROAD.

Third and Townsend Depot at One End and South City at Other.

The Southern Pacific Company is soon to inaugurate a kite-shaped service or four or five local trains each way daily over the Bay Shore Cutoff and the Valencia Street routes. This will mean passenger trains starting from Third and Townsend Streets, San Francisco, in both directions and passing each other on the loop by way of Visitacion Valley, South City, the Cemeteries, Ocean View and Valencia Street.

In connection with this new way service, two and perhaps three new stations will be established for these trains. One station will be between tunnels 1 and 2, at the foot of Army Street; another at Visitacion Valley, and another at some desirable point.

Passengers taking these loop trains will not be able to continue down the Peninsula except by getting off at South City or San Bruno and waiting for the arrival of the Peninsula trains, none of which will stop at the stations on the Bay Shore Cutoff. Cemetery trains going out from San Francisco by way of Valencia Street will return over the Bay Shore Cutoff.

### Ocean Shore Road Sues.

The Ocean Shore railroad company has filed condemnation suits in Redwood City against land owners near Halfmoon Bay along the proposed line of the railroad. Ross and Ross of Redwood City and Corbet and Selby of San Francisco appear as attorneys for the company.

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#### NORTHBOUND TRAINS.

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7:23 A. M.  
(Except Sunday)  
7:43 A. M.  
9:23 A. M.  
1:03 P. M.  
3:03 P. M.  
5:23 P. M.  
6:23 P. M.  
7:03 P. M.

#### SOUTHBOUND TRAINS.

6:37 A. M.  
7:17 A. M.  
8:40 A. M.  
10:57 A. M.  
11:57 A. M.  
2:20 P. M.  
3:37 P. M.  
4:37 P. M.  
5:57 P. M.  
6:17 P. M.  
6:37 P. M.  
8:37 P. M.

### POST OFFICE.

Post Office open from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M. Sundays, 8 A. M. to 9 A. M. Money order office open from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M. Mails leave Post Office thirty minutes before trains.

#### \* NORTHBOUND DISPATCH.

11:48 A. M.  
3:43 P. M.  
7:03 P. M.

#### † SOUTHBOUND DISPATCH.

6:37 A. M.  
11:57 A. M.  
3:17 P. M.

\* Mails from north arrive.

† Mails from south arrive.

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Coroner and Public Adm..... Dr. H. G. Plymire  
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Constable..... J. Carroll  
Postmaster..... E. E. Cunningham  
School Trustees..... Tom Mason, Duray Smith

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Sunday School..... 10 a. m.  
Service of Holy Communion every third Sunday of each month at 11:15 a. m.

Grace Guild meets every alternate Friday for an all-day session at Guild Hall.

Junior Guild and sewing school meets every Saturday in Guild Hall at 2:00 p. m.

Mrs. W. J. Martin, President of Guild.

Mrs. Jennie P. Frost, Superintendent of Junior Guild.

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## SMELTER ORDINANCE FINALLY ADOPTED BY SUPERVISORS

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of the State to have a smelter located there:

The recent completion of new railroads, which tap developed mining regions, and the unsatisfactory condition of the customs smelting situation in Salt Lake City, have given to Los Angeles the greatest opportunity of her history for the successful exploitation of a large customs smelter on a location adjacent to the city, but far enough away to be unobjectionable.

If interests identified with the mining industry and with the future greatness of the city will now pull together for the one common purpose, Los Angeles may clinch her position as the mining metropolis of the West for all time.

The mines are at our doors, the men are already within our gates, the necessary fluxes can be obtained without difficulty and the fuel question is solved for all time by the great Pacific, which offers its placid breadth to the cause with cheap rates from the coal fields of the North.

Those who have not kept close watch upon the rapid developments in railroad expansion do not realize what the great trunk railroads centering here have done for the development of Los Angeles and how indissolubly the mining industry is now bound to the city. No locality in all the West offers such inducements for economical reduction of ores.

The Tonopah & Tidewater branch of the Santa Fe and the Las Vegas and Tonopah branch of the Salt Lake Route have given access to the gold ores of Goldfield, of Tonopah, of Rhyolite, of Crackerjack, of Johnnie, of Lee-Echo and of many other prominent districts, now held back by the lack of smelting facilities. These roads have also opened up the lead deposits of Tecopah and will serve the copper district of Greenwater, if it should enter the shipping stage in the future.

The Pioche-Caliente branch of the Salt Lake Railroad has revived one of the greatest silver-lead districts in the United States; the Searchlight branch of the Santa Fe has placed the gold and copper deposits of Searchlight and Vortrigger and Manvel at our very doors, while the great trunk lines of the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe have been ready for years to deliver the wealth of Mexico, New Mexico and Arizona into our hands. The open waterway of the Pacific will contribute its share with the ores of Lower California and districts adjacent to the shore line further south.

No man who knows the unlimited and varied production of this vast domain can doubt that enough ore can be delivered to keep a modern plant of huge capacity in active operation for generations to come. The deplorable conditions in San Francisco have rebounded to the benefit of Los Angeles and the recent public clamor against the erection of a plant at San Mateo has turned the eyes of operators further south. Los Angeles offers all the advantages that San Francisco has heretofore offered with the important and invaluable addition of industrial freedom.

Of flux there is abundance in all directions. Iron is found in great quantities at Kelso and elsewhere, while lime abounds on every hand. Coal in unlimited quantity may be brought by sea from Alaska, from British Columbia, from Washington or from the Coos Bay fields of Oregon, while it is entirely probable that the development of economical smelting will soon permit of the general use of crude oil with success. The industrial lull of the past few months has given us time to take stock of our manifold advantages, time to look the situation over carefully and satisfy ourselves that the scheme is feasible, if the same energy and hard work that has placed the city in the front rank is brought to bear.

Los Angeles has forged to the front as the undisputed mining center of the Southwest without a smelter within 200 miles. Her position may be made unassailable for all time by the added prestige she would gain by the creation of a smelting outlet for the wealth

that clamors at her gates and may be hers for the asking.

The men are here, too. Men of the West, whose energies and foresight and grit have wrested fortunes from the golden desert waste of Nevada and from the inexhaustible copper stores of Arizona and of Mexico. They are all interested in the future of Los Angeles and have already shown their faith by investing their surplus wealth in business and in homes. The mining industry is dear to their hearts and any enterprise of this nature would appeal to them and enlist, without solicitation, the aid of their money, their energy and their brains—agents already successfully used in the desert conquest of Nature.

The condition of the smelting industry in Utah is another potent argument in favor of the establishment of such an enterprise. There the damage suits brought against reduction companies by agricultural interests have closed many of the custom smelters and have cut off the only outlet of ores from an immense area that should rightfully be tributary to this city. Los Angeles has many superiorities over Salt Lake and could, if properly equipped, successfully reconquer the territory which has poured its wealth into the coffers of the Mormon city.

And so Los Angeles has every necessity for the successful operation of such an industry. In the past, selfish, shortsighted and unpatriotic speculators have nullified well-defined plans to the same end and asking exorbitant prices for available sites. It should be the duty of every man who has the best interests of the city at heart, of public bodies such as the Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Mines, the Merchants' Protective Association and the Stock Exchanges, to decry such methods in the future and secure a proper site, far enough away to prevent damage, and near enough to make the industry directly tributary to the city.

The eminent qualifications of Los Angeles should be blazoned to the world and, above all, the word must go forth that she is industrially free and that every dollar invested in such an enterprise will be protected to the last ditch from the destroying rapacity of labor agitators who refuse to work and who refuse others the privilege.

It would seem that the only possible stumbling block lies in the matter of favorable freight rates on ore and fluxes coming to the city. The question is one that is too intricate and voluminous for proper treatment here but, as a general rule, it may be safely assumed that railroads, run for business and run by business men, are alive to their own interests and will do their part for the further upbuilding of a city that contributes so much to their success when the proper time comes.

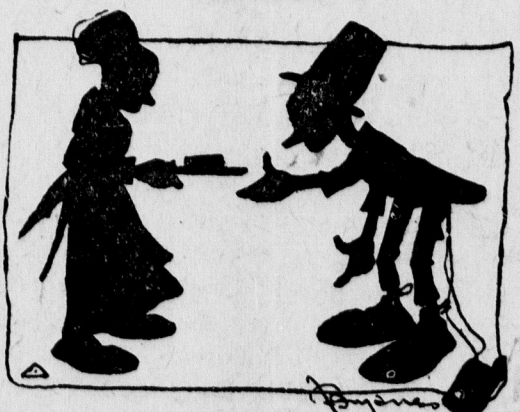
The Times believes that the psychological moment has arrived for the establishment of such an industry near Los Angeles. It invites the opinions of smelter and mining men to the end that the matter may be thoroughly thrashed out in all its bearings. When that has been done Los Angeles may safely count upon all the capital required. No industrial development of the future means more to her destiny or will add more to her wealth.—By SIDNEY NORMAN, Mining Editor of The Times.

#### Golf on the Brain.



First Golfer—I drove a ball over here. Did you see where it pitched?  
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The South San Francisco Land and Improvement Company planned South San Francisco as a manufacturing suburb of San Francisco. With that object in view they originally purchased 3500 acres of land in San Mateo county on the bay front five miles south of the City of San Francisco, and have developed their property so that to-day they possess perfected nearly every feature desired by manufacturers.

## SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

Is a railroad terminal; it is on the main line of the Southern Pacific Railroad and accessible to all railroads; has deep water communication; owns and operates for its industries, a railroad connecting with the Southern Pacific and the water front; has electric street car service from factory to town and direct to San Francisco; has an Electric Light and Power Company; owns an independent water works, and has an abundance of fresh water for factory and house; has wharves and docks; a perfect sewerage system; a bank; a town hall; and a population of 3000 people; an extensive and fine residence district, where workingmen may secure land at reasonable prices and on favorable terms, as homes for themselves and their families.

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The American Smelting and Refining Company recently purchased from this Company 200 acres of land and are on the ground to-day arranging for the immediate construction of a plant costing upward of \$5,000,000. This means a vast increase in population, and a great augmentation for the benefit of all industries of every detail pertaining to rail and water communication.

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The majority of the Board of Supervisors on Monday refused to reconsider the vote by which the anti-smelter ordinance had passed and refused the earnest request of the large delegation of citizens from the First Township for a full hearing of the parties and interests opposed to the ordinance. This action of the majority is a violation of the right of the people to be heard on all matters touching any interests to be affected by ordinances pending before the Board. The denial of this right to a hearing is in contravention of all precedents and the custom and procedure of legislative voters everywhere, and certainly does not reflect credit upon those by whose votes this wrong was perpetrated. The assurance that at some future time a hearing will be granted and in case the ordinance can be shown to be bad or unnecessary that it will be changed or replaced, is well enough as a promise, but such hearing should have preceded instead of following the enactment of the ordinance.

The report of the abdication of the Dowager Empress of China appears to have been premature. In fact, the people who started it are keeping as far away as possible from Tsi An's headquarters and fervently hoping that there may be no immediate necessity for them to look her in the face and say it.

A Pennsylvania man is fitting himself for college at the age of 57 years. We are sure that Henry G. Davis of West Virginia will extend his best wishes to the young fellow and hope that an honorable and a useful career may lie before him.

The divorce is absolute, but Count Boni's creditors' claims have been settled. That should relieve him of some annoyance, and yet a man of his sensible nature must shrink at the thought of wasting money on creditors.

A woman advertised for a husband and used a fictitious name. Her son, using a fictitious name, answered, and they met by appointment. It was perhaps to emphasize their silliness that they let the story get out.

## Form Hotel Company.

Three days before the death of Mrs. Mary A. Lee, widow of the founder of the Hotel Mateo, the first large tourist hotel in this city, a transfer of the old Hotel Mateo property to the Hotel Mateo company, incorporated, of San Francisco, was made for the consideration of \$10. The capital stock of the company is placed at \$200,000. The actual amount of stock subscribed is \$500, the following directors subscribing for one share each: John R. Hoenes; Henry F. Hageman, Leo Mund, Leon E. Morris and William T. Eckhoff of San Francisco.

## PORTABLE FIREARMS.

The First Muskets Were Clumsy and Awkward to Handle.

While the introduction of portable firearms into Europe is of comparatively recent date, their use was frequent among the Mohammedans of eastern Asia at a very early period. La Brocquiere, who made a journey to Jerusalem in the middle of the fifteenth century and who traveled extensively in the east mentions the firing of small arquebuses at the great festivals in Damascus.

The first use of muskets in Europe was, at the siege of Rhege in 1591 by the Spanish soldiers. These arms were so extremely heavy that they could not be used without a rest. They were provided with matchlocks and were effective at a considerable distance. While on the march the soldiers themselves carried only the ammunition and the rests, and boys bearing the muskets followed after, like caddies on a golf course.

Loading these cumbersome arms was a slow operation. They were clumsy and awkward to handle. The ball and powder were carried separately, and the preparation and adjustment of the match took a long time.

Before long, however, improvements began to be made. The guns became lighter in construction, and the soldiers carried their ammunition in broad shoulder belts called bandeliers, to which were suspended a number of little leather covered wooden cases, each of which held a charge of powder. A pouch, in which the bullets were carried loose, and a priming horn hung at the side of the soldier.

As late as the time of Charles I. muskets with rests were still in use, and it was not until the beginning of the eighteenth century that firelocks were successfully employed.

A remarkable incident has happened between Sierre and Granges, in the Canton Valais, where an automobile stopped near a poor woman on the roadside, and one of its occupants, placing near her a very large basket, asked her to take charge of it till their return. In another moment the car was out of sight and the woman, opening the basket found it to contain a beautifully dressed infant, a supply of clothing for it, notes for \$3,600, and the following note: "Take care of the child. We will call for it in ten years."—London Globe.

## Warding Off a Cold.

The first point that must have struck almost every careful observer of catarrhal pneumonia is that in nine cases out of ten a cold is caught as the result, not of getting cold, but, on the contrary, of getting unduly hot. This apparent paradox is, of course, intelligible enough when one considers that it is when the body is heated that the pores of the skin are opened and are then much more likely to take a chill than when they are closed by the action of the cold. This is also the explanation of the efficacy of a cold shower bath after taking a Turkish or even an ordinary hot bath, as the sudden action of the cold water closes the pores and so protects the skin from the action of the air. The best possible preventive from catching cold is cold water, applied either in the form of a cold bath or, if that is considered too drastic a measure, it will be found that merely bathing the neck in cold water, both in the early morning and also the last thing at night, does a great deal toward giving one immunity from colds.—Modern Society.

## Rossetti's Way.

This striking picture of Rossetti appears in William Allington's memoirs: "Rossetti walks very characteristically, with a peculiar lounging gait, often trailing the point of his umbrella on the ground, but still obstinately pushing on and making way, humming the while with closed teeth in the intervals of talk, not a tune or anything like one, but what sounds like a sotto voce note of defiance to the universe. Then suddenly he will fling himself down somewhere and refuse to stir an inch farther. His favorite attitude—on his back, one knee raised, hands behind head. He very seldom takes particular notice of anything as he goes and cares nothing about natural history or science in any form or degree. It is plain that the simple, the natural, the naive, are merely insipid in his mouth. He must have strong savors in art, in literature and in life. About these and other matters Rossetti is chivalrously bold in announcing and defending his opinion, and he has the valuable quality of knowing what he likes and sticking to it."

## FRATERNAL ORDERS

### F. O. E.

South City Aerie, No. 1473, held its usual monthly initiatory ceremony Wednesday last, the mysteries of the order being conferred on three candidates. This was the first time the new officers had put on the work, which they did in first-class shape. It was a surprise to the large number of members present. Everything passed off so well; had we not known otherwise the officers would have impressed us as being old hands at the business. The Aerie starts out the new year well and will continue so long as the members line up to the principles of liberty, truth, justice and equality. A warrant was ordered drawn on the treasurer for one hundred dollars, funeral benefits for the late John Bracken, Jr.

### Resolution of Respect.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call from our midst, Brother John Bracken;

Whereas, In the passing of Brother Bracken the Aerie suffers the loss of a faithful member and fellow worker;

Resolved, That we, the officers and members of South City Aerie, No. 1473, extend to the family our sympathy in this their hour of bereavement;

Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family and to THE ENTERPRISE for publication.

Worthy President Ambrose McSweeney; Worthy Secretary Harry Edwards, Committee.

### I. O. R. M.

Officers and members of Tippecanoe Tribe, No. 111, had an old-fashioned tribal session Thursday last. Before extinguishing the council brand, Sachem J. Guerra, in a neat speech, told of the earnest work done in the past by Past Sachems George Kiessling and Harry Edwards, concluding by presenting Past Sachem's badges to the brothers named on behalf of the Tribe. While not surprised at the honor conferred, the brothers, in responding, aroused enthusiasm by declaring their continued interest in the Tribe, which could not but be increased when such appreciation of services rendered was shown. The usual social time followed.

### W. O. W.

With the splinters flying, the camp fire burning, and the axes ringing through the forest. Progress Camp No. 425, installed its newly elected officers last Wednesday evening. Boys, it was a great time. Will you ever forget it?

That banquet table, those brilliant jokes and oh, those comic songs, truly it was a meeting of the "choppers," and you bet those boys with the axe did justice to the occasion.

When the small hours of morning had arrived the camp broke up, and the neighbors went home with glad and merry hearts, realizing that after all they were only strengthening the protecting branches of Woodcraft around the loved ones they had left at home. Neighbors, if any of you missed it show up at the next meeting. They all said those good times would be there again.

### NOTES.

C. A. Gugliumoni, Grand Secretary of California of the U. A. O. D. visited South City Monday last.

Mr. G. H. Bertram of Modesto, Grand Noble Arch of the U. A. O. D. of California was a visitor here Thursday last.

Mrs. Maria Bamman, Past Grand Arch Druidess of California, ceased at once to work and live Monday last. Suddenly the call came at her Haight Street home, San Francisco. The deceased instituted White Eagle Circle, No. 56, in South City February last. Those who knew her, loved her, for kindness of heart, and devotedness to the cause she loved so well.

### FOR SALE

Lots at \$250.00 Each.

We have for sale a limited number of cottage lots, centrally located, near railroad station, on sewer street, in South San Francisco, at the very low price of \$250 each. Terms easy. Apply to E. E. Cunningham & Co., Postoffice Building.

## SHOPPING IN LONDON.

Methods of the Big Stores in the English Metropolis—Tricks of the Milliners.

A Ruse That Was Met by a Clever Counter Ruse—The Agitating Experiences of an American Woman Who Was Looking For Bargains.

In American shops the establishment and the customer are separate entities. The firm displays its wares; the buyers examine them and purchase or not, as they see fit.

In London it is different. The moment you enter the door of a shop you are accepted as part and parcel of its interests, a member of the family, as it were. Then a shopwalker pounces upon you and insists on knowing what you want. If you hesitate as to your reply, he plants himself squarely in front of you and waits. When, in sheer desperation (for you had intended a happy, aimless sort of looking about), you say "gloves," he grasps your arm, firmly marches you to the glove counter, seats you at it and details a salesperson to wait upon you.

All this happened to me, and in an exasperated frame of mind I bought a pair of gloves merely to keep peace in the family, but the bland and gentlemanly glove seller had no notion of letting me off so easily. He took it for granted that that first pair was simply by way of preface, and he displayed gloves of my size of all styles and colors. The very forenoonness of his conclusion that I would buy them all irritated me, and briefly announcing that I wanted no more gloves, I paid him for the pair I had bought. Surprised and grieved beyond expression, he beckoned the shopwalker, and together they cross examined me as to why I refused to buy more gloves. Did the colors not suit me? Were the prices not reasonable? Disdaining to answer these questions, I endeavored to stalk haughtily away, but this was not allowed. More in sorrow than in anger, they told me I must wait for my bill.

As the gloves were to be sent and I had given the exact change I deemed this unnecessary, but I soon found it to be one of their inexorable laws. Bills, signed and countersigned must be waited for, no matter how trifling the purchase.

The next thing I learned was that the price asked is far from being the real selling price of the article. I cringed at the thought of offering 5 guineas for a guinea hat, but I soon learned that it was expected of a customer and that the marked prices were merely amounts from which to begin the dickering.

And the ruses resorted to by these wicked milliners! In Mayfair is one of the most fashionable millinery shops in the world. Over the door gilt letters spell one of the most famous Parisian names. To this shop I went for a hat. Being very canny, I expressed great interest in several hats which I knew I should not buy. At last I carelessly inquired the price of a hat which had really charmed me from the first. The price was 8 guineas. As it bore four magnificent ostrich plumes, this price was not exorbitant, but, knowing the game, I bargained.

First I asked if they would call it pounds instead of guineas. This meant a reduction in price of only 8 shillings, but the indignity (I discovered) was beyond all words. With a scathing glance the saleslady informed me that they never sold by pounds in that shop, and I stared away the knowledge for future use in swagger establishments.

Determined to beat them at their own game, I then offered 6 guineas for the hat. This was met with appropriate expressions of horrified surprise, and as a great concession 7½ guineas was proposed. I remained firm in my six guinea offer, and, after a feint of leaving the shop without buying a hat, it was reluctantly accepted.

Then followed what I considered a ruse of extreme cleverness on my part. I had been told that if I left a new hat to be sent home the milliner would change the trimmings for others that looked the same, but were of inferior quality. I had been advised, therefore, on purchasing a hat to carry it away with me in order to prevent this. So I remarked on paying for this hat that as I wished to wear it that very after-

noon I would take it with me, the large handbox being easily managed in my handsome cab. The saleslady kindly agreed to this plan and sent the hat upstairs to be boxed.

After waiting fifteen minutes for the hat to return to me I began to grow suspicious, and when it did come I deliberately untied the box, removed the tissue paper wrapping and examined the hat. Sure enough, the four long, rich ostrich plumes had been removed and replaced by four others of same color, but of a distinctly cheaper grade. I boldly declared this fact, but the saleslady haughtily denied it.

"But," said I, "look in the hat. See the stitches, hastily put in to hold these feathers. They were not there when the hat left me."

"Ah," she said, "morely a few stitches to fasten a bit of trimming that was loose!"

And nothing remained for me but to take the hat and depart. I could not prove my case. I could get no redress. But I learned, when buying a hat, to pin it firmly on my head and walk away, leaving my own old hat to be sent home.

I think such an episode would not occur in any reputable shop in America. —Carolyn Wells in Woman's Home Companion.

"It will be impossible for us to transact any public business to-night," said the president of the City Council, "because of the lack of a quorum." "Mr. Chairman," said the new member, arising quickly, "I have been elected on a pledge to my constituency that I shall work untiringly and unceasingly for the upbuilding and uplifting of our city, and I now and here move that a committee be appointed to consider the immediate purchase of as good a quorum as the market affords, and that the committee be instructed to secure the quorum and have it properly installed by the next meeting, night. And, furthermore," he said, with a fine patriotic touch, "let us obtain a good American quorum, and not one of those ancient Roman things!"—Success.

Burglars who broke into a New York house took the trouble to apply the acid test to the silverware before carrying it away. In this age of dear goods one needs to be careful in every branch of industry.

A large line of Valentines in all styles and prices at Schneider's.

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Mrs. Nellie Wight, Arch Druidess. Miss Mary McDonald, Sec.

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## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LETTER

SUMMER SCHOOL TO SURPASS ALL OTHERS.

BERKELEY, January 22d.—The appointment of Professor Charles H. Rieber, Associate Professor of Logic in the University, to be head of the Summer Session for 1908 has just been made. The appointment will meet with widespread approval among the educators of the State, who know of the efficient manner in which Dean Rieber conducted the Summer Session of last year.

The Summer Session is to be held at Berkeley for six weeks beginning June the twenty-second. No formal examinations are required for admission.

The primary object of the summer courses is to furnish instruction to teachers, superintendents of schools, supervisors of special branches of instruction, and graduates; undergraduates who desire to anticipate work or who wish to make good deficiencies in preparation or credit; preparatory students who wish to complete entrance requirements or secure advanced standing; and other persons who are qualified to pursue with profit any special course are admitted to the exercises of the sessions as auditors, without University credit.

### STUDENTS TO TURN LABORERS.

The students of the University will again celebrate Labor Day. The time-honored tradition of putting the extra day in leap year in work for their alma mater is again to be enforced at Berkeley. Four years ago the student body, with shovel and pick, and with the aid of teams and gravel, built paths and roadways about the University grounds that have been in use ever since. This year the student body is to help itself as well as the University in endeavoring to beautify their own athletic field and the surrounding Hillegass Tract. Trees will be planted, rough embankments terraced, and fences painted. Each college is to have its boss and to work in gangs at the task assigned to it. Some of the large construction companies about the bay are lending to the University hundreds of picks and shovels for the accomplishing of the great task. Under the leadership of President Burke, of the student body, and Samuel J. Hume, the work is being planned and divided into a systematic fashion. The women of the University, in accordance with time-honored custom, are to serve lunch in Hearst Hall basket-ball court at one o'clock. The late afternoon will be devoted to games on California Field, wherein each college will compete against the others for the honors of the day. It is expected that in the evening something in the way of an entertainment will be given by one of the dramatic organizations of the University.

### WHAT THE ATHLETES ARE DOING.

On last Monday the track athletes of the University met in California Hall to talk over the prospects of the season and sign up for their work. Speeches were made by the track captain and many prominent students leaders, as well as by the coaches and trainers. There is at California a great deal of desirable material for track in the coming year, though nothing very definite can be said of it at the start of the season. With the coming of the bright weather, hard work is to start, and Captain Stanton expects to begin the development of his winning team. The meet will be held this year on the Stanford Oval.

### WASHINGTON'S WOOING.

Matters of Importance Forgotten Because of Martha Curtis.

In the traditions of any member of the Washington family the story of Martha Curtis is of supreme importance, writes Cora A. Moore in the New Broadway Magazine.

It happened one day that she was visiting at the plantation of a neighbor, Major Chamberlayne, when there came riding in haste an officer in the British uniform. The business that he had with the major he transacted quickly, declining an invitation to stay because, as he declared, he was on his way to the governor at Williamsburg on matters of importance. But the host repeated the invitation more urgently, slyly remarking that he had also beneath his roof the handsomest widow in Virginia, a young and charming woman.

Ah, a lady in the case! That was different. But the plans of men have often waited on Cupid. When the officer bowed low over the hand of the lady, whom he met in the major's drawing room he forgot Williamsburg and the governor, and she, pleased with the courage of that colonel, George Washington, of whose military fame she had heard so much, scintillated and sparkled with even more than her usual fascination. That evening, long after the rest of the household had retired, he and the charming widow sat by the fireplace in the shadowy drawing room quite without a chaperon to regulate the tide of swiftly moving events.

Soon there was a resplendent wedding at the home of the bride. Directly afterward a coach and six horses, guided by liveried black postillions, conveyed the newly married pair to her town house in Williamsburg. Business interests for some time demanded the presence of Colonel Washington at the capital. Later he took his bride and her two children, Martha Parke Curtis and John Parke Curtis, to his estate at Mount Vernon, where they enjoyed that happy domestic life which is celebrated in history.

### Satisfied Her Curiosity.

A certain south side lady has come to the conclusion that curiosity can no longer be indulged in with any degree of safety. One night she entertained a group of friends and at the moment of departure, when conversation always lags a trifle, her eye fell idly on a package carried by one of the men.

"What is it you have there?" she asked, with hardly a thought of what she was saying.

"Well," said another guest, springing forward, with mock indignation, "if he's going to be searched, I feel that all of us should be subjected to the same indignity."

"Oh I," commenced the hostess, her face flushing—"I give you my word that—"

"I can prove the ownership of this watch," cried one man.

"This was my mother's ring," exclaimed another. And so it went down the line until the laugh came just in time to save the life of the hostess.

Hereafter one of her guests can walk off with the grand piano and be free from remark.—Kansas City Independent.

As a result of Blue Sunday in Gotham a great many husbands have become very well acquainted with their wives and children.

We have a few \$10 Overcoats left which we are now closing out for \$7.50. W. C. Schneider.

## WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON January 17. —

Senator Perkins has introduced a bill to establish a light and fog signal at the outer end of the San Pedro breakwater at a cost of \$36,000. The Light House Board approves of such establishment, as the signal will be of use to coasters as well as commerce to and from the harbor of Wilmington which will spring up under the lee of the breakwater. It is expected that the breakwater will be completed in about a year. He has also introduced a bill for a light and fog signal at or near Punta Gorda, to cost \$60,000. This is also approved by the Light House Board.

The Light House Board has surveyed and marked out a plat of twenty-two acres at Point Sal for a light station, appropriation for which will be asked later on in the session. Work on the light and fog signal at Carquinez Straits will be commenced soon, and an appropriation of \$10,000 will be asked for to establish a light and fog signal at Army Point, Suisun bay. Measures are being taken to secure title to the site for a light and fog signal at Point Cabrillo.

A bill has been introduced increasing the number of lighthouse districts to nineteen. The object of this is to create three new districts one comprising Alaska, one of our island possessions of Hawaii, Guam and the Samoan Islands, and one, Porto Rico.

A bill has been introduced in the Senate authorizing the President to establish grazing districts on the unreserved unappropriated public lands, which shall be under the charge of the Secretary of Agriculture, who will establish rules for their protection and for regulating their use for grazing purposes. Permits to graze shall cover not more than ten years, preference being given to homesteaders or occupants of the range who have improved ranches or who have provided water for livestock grazing on the public lands. Reasonable fees for such permits shall be collected. The government of the state or territory within which the grazing range is situated shall appoint a committee of four from the users of said range, which committee shall determine how permits shall be issued, to whom, and the total number of animals to be grazed. The lands shall be continually subject to homestead entry and other filings under all public land laws, and settlers, prospectors and others shall have free entry for all proper and legitimate purposes.

United States District Attorney Devlin has suggested that the California Code be adopted by the government for the consular courts in China, and Senator Perkins has placed this suggestion before the Secretary of State, that department having jurisdiction over this court. At present, under the law, consular courts conduct proceedings under the common law, but as it is becoming more and more difficult to determine what the common law matter is, it is thought that all interests will be best served by the substitution of a code, and the California code by preference, as the greater part of the commerce between the United States and China passes through the hands of San Francisco merchants. Should the California code be adopted, it would be of great advantage to California merchants, who would come under the same law on both sides of the Pacific.

Authority to advertise for work on Oakland harbor has been granted by the Chief of Engineers, but order is delayed pending consideration of the specifications which were not returned to the district officer until December 21st. Their return to the Washington office is expected daily, and the publication of advertisements will probably be made in two or three weeks, after approval of the specifications. July 1, 1907, there was an unexpended balance of \$153,588. The Act authorizes the Secretary of War to enter into contracts not to exceed \$300,000, which makes \$453,000 in sight for further harbor improvements. The Chief of Engineers estimates that he can profitably expend \$250,000 in addition to the unexpended balance during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909. He estimates that it will require \$946,000 to complete the existing project. During the past fiscal year 674,977 cubic yards were excavated, and it is thought that this contract will be completed in March. This will give a channel 3000 feet wide and twenty-five feet deep to Fallon

street. The total of the appropriations for harbor work thus far is \$2,972,903.

The annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission states that the gross earnings of railroads for the past fiscal year were \$2,585,913,000, averaging \$11,463 per mile of line. The gross earnings of the previous year were \$260,000,000 less, or \$10,460 per mile. The operating expenses for 1907 were \$1,746,037,000 or \$7,740 per mile. The net earnings were \$839,815,000 for 1907 and \$787,420,000 for 1906. In addition there was \$157,534,000 from other sources, making the total net increase for 1907, \$997,350,000. Out of this was paid in dividends over \$29,000,000 more than during the year 1906. This shows that the railway systems are in a healthy condition.

Senator Perkins has submitted to the Senate resolutions of the California Fruit Growers' Convention recently held in Marysville, calling for a national horticultural quarantine law. The matter will be taken up in the Committee on Agriculture, of which the senator is a member.

He has also brought to the attention of the Secretary of the Interior the fact that there is a controversy between the United States and the State of California as to the lieu land for which California has overdrawn its account several hundred acres. In consequence there are many certificates outstanding for lands selected in lieu of other lands, but such lands have never been listed by the United States to the State, and patents cannot be issued to the holders. An effort will be made to secure a settlement of this case.

Congressman Needham will introduce a resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to use part of the \$20,000 appropriated for the Sloat monument to secure a design for the statue. There seems to be no good reason why this authorization should not be made and another step taken toward completing the work.

Senator Perkins will introduce a resolution authorizing a survey for the following improvement of Oakland harbor. A channel 700 to 300 feet wide and 25 feet deep from San Francisco bay to the foot of 10th avenue extended thence around Brooklyn basin 500 to 700 feet wide and 25 feet deep at low tide, or 30 feet depth, or dredging Brooklyn basin to pierhead line to 25 or 30 feet.

### A Flippant Critic.

After the performance of Wagner's "Rheingold" at Berne, Switzerland, the Berner Fremdenblatt contained an account of the performance which caused much comment. One German paper in reproducing excerpts from the remarkable criticism says, "In reading it we could not quite determine whether the writer was a rogue or one of the Mark Twain school who would enter the most sacred realms of culture with savage freedom." "The opera," says the critic, "furnished much amusement, especially the evolutions of the merry Rhein daughters. Their tricks were charming, and if the orchestra had played more appropriate music the effect would have been perfect. From what we had heard we expected better music. Certain parts—the most tuneful ones—were reminiscent of Mendelssohn, and this originality seemed natural to us, because we knew that when Wagner was the child prodigy in Leipzig Felix Mendelssohn directed the Gewandhaus concerts in that city. All in all the opera is rather stale, but with the fine scenery and real steam clouds it was bearable. It is probably necessary that one should see this 'Rheingold' as well as 'The Merry Widow,' so go and see it."

### British America Indians.

A French titled lady made a trip that took her 1,600 miles beyond civilization in the far northern districts of British America. She went forth accompanied by only two Indian guides and penetrated to the sixtieth parallel, riding astride, tramping, paddling in light canoes, floating down treacherous, rock picketed rapids in clumsy native barges and for one period of two weeks seeing no human being except her two Indian servants. "The Indians in that region are very superstitious, very ungrateful, very independent, but very honest. I invited a chief to have luncheon with me. He refused. To eat in company with a woman would degrade him. He would lose caste with his tribe. In another part of the country I had some Indians and their squaws on an expedition. But the Indians would not permit me to shoot any game. One of the traditions of the tribe, left by some old medicine man long since dead, was that if a woman were ever permitted to shoot moose or elk game would become scarce and the squaws would become powerful and master the men. I offered them \$10 for every shot I might make, but money was no inducement."—San Francisco Chronicle.

## LIFE IN THE DESERT.

How Animals and Vegetation Fight Against Extinction.

Almost all life on the desert goes armed. In the vegetation world of the desert the cactus comes first with its numberless species. They are all armed with long or short, tough spines that can penetrate the thickest boot. The solitary and often grotesque Joshua, or Yucca, the mesquite, the cat's claw and numberless shrubs whose names have not been written, all are armed in one way or another. Some exude poisonous sap, others nauseating odors. The sagebrush is about the only one that does not seem to have any protection.

In the animal kingdom most are either armed with sharp teeth, spines, odors or poison to serve to keep their enemies at a distance, while the others depend upon their fleetness or artful skulking and hiding.

The spines and repulsive Gila monster, the horned toad, the sidewinder, with his two horns and deadly fangs, and its cousin, the desert rattlesnake; the tarantula, scorpion and desert bee, each of whose sting is exceedingly painful and sometimes fatal, are among the desert's denizens. Then there are many varieties of lizards, large and small and of many colors, which protect themselves by their speed alone. The prowling coyote, bobcat, mountain lion, jack rabbit, cottontail, mountain sheep, ibex, antelope and an occasional deer are there.

Among the smaller animals are the gopher, kangaroo rat, trade rat, hydrophobia skunk, ground squirrel and innumerable mice. But the traveler seldom sees any of these. The prospector, however, soon becomes acquainted with them. The first or, at the latest, second night of his stay in any one camp he will be visited by a trade rat, which will carry away all that portion of his outfit that is not too heavy for his ratship to handle and religiously leave some stick or stone in its place.

A hydrophobia skunk will be apt to call and lurch from any bacon rinds that may be lying about, not disdaining a nip at Mr. Prospector's nose if the opportunity offers. It is said and firmly believed by the sons of the desert that the bite of this little skunk produces hydrophobia. The Gila monster is seldom seen, and the writer after having spent nearly a year on the borders of Death valley has yet to see one at large. Rattlesnakes are also scarce except in some favorable locality.

All life on the desert lives by its power to resist thirst. All desert plants are so constructed that they are able to conserve and store up moisture against the time of drought. This necessity has wrought peculiar forms of both animals and plants, and in time it also leaves its indelible mark upon men who dwell amid its wastes. The leaves of all desert trees are small and thick, so that they expose as little surface as possible for evaporation in the dry air. The great and ever present evidence of the struggle for water is noticeable everywhere where men come together on the desert. In this struggle all who come to the desert must engage instantly. Every wagon must have its water barrels, every burro his water bags, each man his canteen.—Los Angeles Times.

### A Hopeless Pessimist.

At a gathering of men and women each one in turn was called upon to cite the attribute he or she considered of greatest worth in the formation of character, each attribute to be followed by the name of some one who best embodied it. For instance, a man gave sterling integrity and as his example Abraham Lincoln; a woman, tact, with Mme. de Maintenon as illustration; another woman, loyalty, adding the name of George Washington. At last it came the turn of a very plain spoken woman, who in loud, clear tones cried, "Honesty, and I know of no example, either living or dead!"

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## IN LITTLE SPRINGS CANYON

By Addison Howard Gibson.

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As the pony picked its way up the wild, rock bordered canyon Ivy Norris took in great breaths of the ozone of the Arizona foothills.

"This is living!" she cried, throwing out her arms. "The folks back home would not know me. These three months spent in this wonderful climate have made me strong and young again. And this weather! Back in New Hampshire they are having snow, while out here it is golden sunshine all day long. My heart is full of the day—Thanksgiving! When I write back home that I spent my Thanksgiving out in the foothills all alone the folks won't believe me. They'll simply say I'm learning western ways fast—to manufacture some big ones to boom the country."

The last of August Ivy Norris, pale, thin and thirty, had arrived from the east to teach the Lone Mesa school. The cowboys on Mr. Tower's ranch, where she boarded and lodged, treated the coming of the cultivated little woman as a great joke. Her short skirts, the boots and the handsome little revolver and cartridge belt furnished them material for comment for weeks. Even Warde Hughes, the foreman, was amused at her first attempts to mount and ride Pilot, the gentlest pony on the ranch, but he equally enjoyed the pluck with which she persisted in learning to ride and the use of the little revolver that looked so comically dangerous in her small white hand.

On this Thanksgiving morning the handsome foreman had reined in his cow pony behind a thicket of mesquite trees and was watching faithful old Pilot carefully bear his fair rider up the trail of Little Springs canyon. All at once he became aware of the fact that a few months had wrought a great transformation in the school-teacher of Lone Mesa. The thin form had rounded out into graceful curves, the pale face had become plump and rosy, and her awkwardness in the saddle had given place to an easy manner that could no longer be ascribed to a novice.

"She's like a girl of twenty," he so-loquized. "By Jove, she's the neat-



HE WATCHES IVY NORRIS COME ON UP THE RUGGED TRAIL.

est edition of her species that ever struck these foothills. I wonder if she knows where she is going. She's a good ten miles from the ranch house now and still going on. Well, she's a pretty interesting stray, and I'm going to see that she doesn't get entirely lost."

With this thought Warde Hughes entered another trail, then cautiously made a detour, coming back to the canyon just above Little Springs. Still concealed back of some manzanita bushes, he watched Ivy Norris come on up the rugged trail. She was singing a stanza of an old school song that he remembered, and the notes floated up to him on the warm November air sweet and clear as an angel's song. Suddenly she ceased, and she glanced quickly up the slope. Then, catching up her revolver, she sent a shot whizzing off into the chaparral. A tawny form dropped out of sight down the ravine.

"Ah," exclaimed the foreman admiringly, "she made Mr. Coyote hit the dirt as well as a soldier could have done it."

Guiding the pony to the springs, Ivy

dismounted. While Pilot drank in long, satisfying quaffs from one of the little springs the young woman looked about her, noting the steep granite walls that surrounded her, the deep azure of the sky and the golden glow of the sunshine enveloping everything like a loving mother keeping a winter's chill at bay. Then she saw Warde Hughes approaching from an opposite direction.

"May I join you, Miss Norris?" he asked.

"Certainly, Mr. Hughes," she answered. "It's noon, isn't it?" giving an odd little squint at the sun as if she were already enough of a plainswoman to estimate the time by its elevation.

"It is about 12:30," said Hughes, with the old timer's accuracy.

"Then it is time for my lunch, and I'm as hungry as that wretched coyote I shot at. It is Thanksgiving day, Mr. Hughes. I have beef sandwiches, olives, cheese, crackers and some fig wafers in my saddlebags. With New England hospitality I ask you to help me eat them."

"While it is not the custom of us cattlemen to take a lunch at noon," he returned, looking into the bright eyes of the little woman before him, "I am glad to break the custom on this occasion by accepting your invitation."

Under a live oak they spread the paper napkins which Ivy had brought and arranged the lunch upon them. Hughes soon caught the happy spirit of his companion, and, throwing his mask of conscious restraint aside, he talked and laughed with her with the pleasure of a boy.

"The spring must furnish us tea," she said, handing Hughes her pretty silver folding cup. He quickly filled it from the spring near by. Then he passed the cup to her. "I did not think of having company," she said apologetically, touching the rim daintily with her pretty lips. "I wish I had another."

"I'm glad you haven't," protested Hughes heartily. "I like this one best," taking the cup from her hands and drinking.

For a minute Ivy made no reply. Then she looked at the man sitting opposite her as if in doubt of his meaning. The next instant she smiled frankly and said:

"Well, I think I do too."

The half serious simplicity of her speech amused Hughes, and, throwing back his head, he laughed in real enjoyment.

"I'm sure we'll get on all right," he said, still laughing.

Hughes declared there never was such a lunch. The greatest Thanksgiving feast in the land was nothing compared with this. The cold, pure water which they sipped in such good comradeship from the one cup he was sure outweighed the nectar of all the gods.

All too soon it was finished, and they sat back under the live oak silent, but happy. Suddenly Ivy realized it was mid-afternoon and she had twelve miles to ride back to the ranch. Tomorrow there would be school and the old routine of duties. Today held sunshine, laughter, joy; the next would be filled with the daily grind and hard tasks. Watching her from under the wide rim of his hat, Warde Hughes saw the weary expression begin to settle over Ivy Norris' face, and he understood.

Left an orphan after finishing school, his loneliness had driven him west. Here temperate habits and sterling principles had won him success. Now a woman, loving the freedom of his hills as he loved it, had entered his life. Suddenly he beheld a vision—a vision of liberty for both. Immediately he felt an intuition that the loneliness of both was at an end. The new life of sunshine, the sunshine of a wonderful love, was glowing for them. He yearned to tell her, to lift the shadows from the patient face, but the moment of realization was too blissful for speech.

"Come," he said at last, springing up to meet the new life and claim it for them. Gently he took her hand and lifted her to her feet. Then, looking into her beautiful eyes, he said eagerly, "Little woman, I want you to let me make every day of your life a Thanksgiving like today."

A soft flush stole into her face, but she did not leave the strong arms which held her.

Under the heading "What Women Say," a New York paper prints three short paragraphs. Evidently the editor doesn't believe in printing all he hears.

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# Miss Penelope.

By TROY ALLISON.

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She greeted her first and only boarder with a shy dignity.

"I think you will find it quiet enough here, Mr. Holmes. You said in your letter that you wanted to get away from home and the children while you finished your book."

John Holmes put his suit case down on the veranda and took the huge rocker offered by Miss Penelope's colored servant, Aunt Dilsey.

"It looks nice and quiet," he said, taking in the gorgeous coloring of the trees and the old fashioned flower garden, now gay with dahlias and geraniums. "I think I will be able to work after a day or so of rest and wandering through the woods. When I got your mother's answer to my advertisement I instinctively knew that it was the right one to accept."

Miss Penelope blushed faintly.

"Not my mother's—I am your—hostess. I keep house for my father." She never in the world would have thought of herself as his landlady. "Aunt Dilsey will render you any necessary service. Take Mr. Holmes' suit case, Aunt Dilsey, and show him his room. Supper will be ready in half an hour."

He went upstairs to the front bedroom, rather pleased that he would have for company at supper a pleasing woman of perhaps thirty instead of the middle aged farmer's wife whom his imagination had pictured.

Miss Penelope, giving a final touch to her supper table, with its centerpiece of brilliant fall blossoms, talked to her blind father. "If it's quiet he wants, he certainly ought to be satisfied. But he is a much younger man than I expected. I have read his last book, and it doesn't seem that such a jolly looking man could have written books so serious."

"He said there were five children at his house and that their mother believed that a constant exercise of lungs and muscles was good for their development. We'll feel really important, daddy, having a real book written in our house or on our veranda or in our back yard, wherever genius happens to inspire him." And she ran on merrily, giving the little details which for the ten years of his blindness had been the pleasure of her father's life.

The novel progressed finely in the next few weeks, and the boarder di-

and never realized that she was dreaming her life away.

To Holmes she talked freely—of her fancies, of his work, of anything that the moment prompted, and he had unconsciously added a touch of her to the quaint heroine of his book.

"Let me read you the last three chapters," he said one evening when the rain had driven them indoors from the flower garden and the hammock under the trees. "It always sounds conceited for a writer to want to read his own works, but I believe I have given the exact touch to this, and I want to see how it strikes you."

He brought the manuscript, and Miss Penelope lit the old fashioned lamp. As he read her eyes dilated and she listened eagerly. She saw her own dahlia garden flaunting in the autumn sun, the woodland path that led from the back of the garden to the creek, and was it Mr. Holmes or her own Rudolph Rassendyll translated to quiet and homelike atmosphere that was given a red rose in the garden by the strangely familiar woman in the book?

"You have made her like me," she gasped incredulously, "and idealized me, and where she tells him about her life, lived in the characters from books she had read, it's exactly what I said to you the afternoon we went riding on the creek."

"I couldn't help it," he confessed. "It fitted the Esther in my story so perfectly that I was simply obliged to let her borrow the whole conversation. You don't mind, do you?"

"I never was more flattered in my life," she said impulsively. "I never imagined there was one trait or thought of mine of enough importance to be written about, but you have made me seem all that I always wanted to be."

"Are you?" He laid the manuscript on the table. "I kept the rose you gave me that day in the garden," he said abruptly.

She sat still and white, the situation being one that she had never met with or dreamed of meeting.

"To me you are Esther. I could love you the same way," he said quietly.

Miss Penelope rose, frightened and childlike, a quiver of pain trembling on her lips.

"Mr. Holmes, I have admired you. I have tried to entertain you as best I could to keep you from finding the dullness of our life tedious. Perhaps I am to blame," she said dazedly. "I found you so sympathetic and congenial that I talked to you more than I ever talked to any one in my life, but I never thought that you would misunderstand me—would offer me this insult. You, a married man," she gasped.

"A—a—what?" he asked blankly. "A married man," she said brokenly, two tears trickling down her cheeks.

Holmes, a finished product of civilization, let his mouth drop open in astonishment.

"I've never been married in my life," he said in amazement.

"But those five children that you wanted to get away from?" she said faintly.

Holmes struggled with his merriment and was finally able to answer: "Those five kids belong to my sister," he chuckled. "I live with her and her husband in any part of the house that is not pre-empted by those urchins. I never dreamed that you thought I was married all this time."

Miss Penelope still stood, nervous and dazed before him.

He took her hand and, stooping, pressed his lips to it. "I kept the rose," he said insinuatingly.

She looked down upon his blond head, and her own beloved Queen Flavia and Rudolph Rassendyll became from that moment mere creatures of fiction. She had found her own romance.

"I'm so glad—you kept it," she said timidly.

## His Qualifications.

I am reminded, says a writer, of the little boy who applied for a job at a squire's house, where he could earn 5 shillings a week by making himself generally useful.

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Boy—Yes, sir.

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"Oh, yes, sir."

"Can you clean bicycles and repair punctured tires and tune pianos?"

"Certainly, sir."

"Can you mend electric bells and do plumbing and gas fitting, teach modern and ancient languages, geography and the use of the globes?"

"I can, and also do anything else that is required."

"Then I think you will do."

Boy—Thank you, sir. By the way, is your house built on a clay soil?

Squire—Well, it happens that it is. But what has that to do with it?

"Well, I thought you would like me to fill up my spare time by making bricks."

He was not engaged for his insolence.—London Answers

## BRIEF AND BREEZY

Somebody robbed a Salvation Army box for poor children in Columbus, O. The man who would do that comes pretty near being the meanest man in the country.

A man cannot get rid of the notion that others are interested in that which interests him.

About the first disappointment a bride has she finds her husband cares nothing for "society."

Every thief admits at the end of his life that he would have prospered better as an honest man.

Swearing off is not profanity.

There is a rumor that the price of eggs is coming down, but the author of the report was careful not to say when.

An exchange says the natural heat of man's blood is 96.4 degrees. There ought to be some way of ascertaining the heat of a Congressman's when someone calls him a liar in plain English.

"Talk is so cheap it doesn't cost the country a dollar," says the Atlanta Constitution. Who do you suppose pays the bills for printing the Congressional Record, neighbor?

In Washington more men have had the courage to wear the red neckties they received Christmas morning than can be found within the confines of Murky Manhattan and Hotair Houston.

Within the last three months twenty-one members of a woman-hating bachelors club have been married. The rest of them may as well disband and seek safety in flight.

New York physicians are expressing the opinion that the fat man makes the best husband, but that can hardly be true of the man too fat to split the kindling and carry the coal up from the cellar.

The Shah of Persia has taken an oath to support the new constitution. It was either that or take the limited express for the frontier.

Another count of the Philippines shows 1400 new ones. How would it do to quit counting the Philippines.

Florida's new Senator, W. J. Bryan, is only thirty-one years old, just the proper age to be known as the "Boy" something in the Senate.

"Oh what is finer than a June day in December?" asks the Syracuse Herald. Can't imagine, unless it is a December day in August.

If you have any sympathy to spare, remember the poor druggists of Georgia, who are going to be dreadfully overworked this year.

A Hoboken prophet declares that we are in for a year of calamities. Don't laugh. You might be feeling the same way about it if you had to live in Hoboken.

Andrew Carnegie insists that the world is growing better, and it must be a real pleasure to him, since he has been spending so much money on it.

## MODERN PAPER.

"The men who wrote history on tablets of stone in ages gone had a difficult task to perform and had to cultivate the habit of brevity," says a writer in a German paper, but what they wrote was preserved. It will be different with the newspapers or books of the present time. The paper on which they are printed will disintegrate in a few years and the records—historical, scientific and literary—will become dust.

"I saw two papers recently which told the whole story. One contained an account of the death of Napoleon Bonaparte. It was printed in 1821, was in a state of perfect preservation and looked as though it might last with ordinary care a hundred years. The other paper was kept because its leading article described the surrender of Sedan, which had taken place a day before. Although it had been printed nearly fifty years later, the Sedan paper had to be handled carefully to prevent its wearing in the creases. One of these papers was printed on old-fashioned paper and the other on the modern kind.

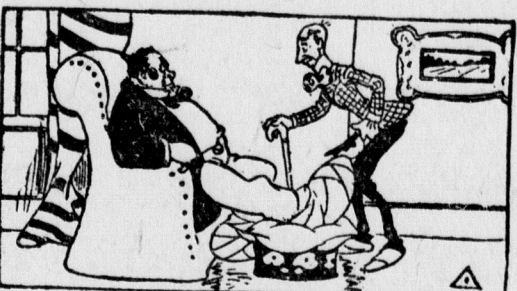
"With the two specimens before me I cannot refrain from urging once more that a few numbers of all books and newspapers, enough for all first-class libraries, be printed on good paper for the benefit of those who will live after us."

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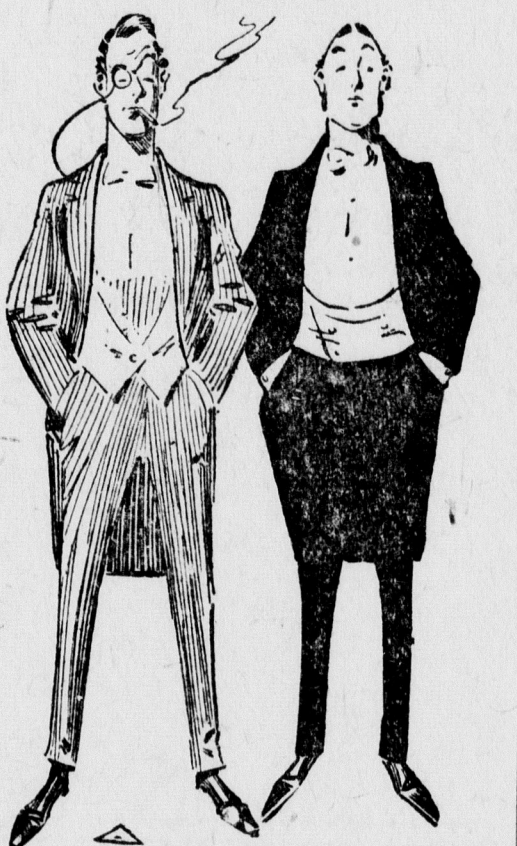
The Small Boy (pointing to the notice board)—Give us a 'apenny, guv'ner, an' I won't tell on yer.—Sketch.

## Knew He Was Safe.



The Young Man—May I take this opportunity of asking for your daughter's hand?—Once a Week.

## Progressing.



"And is Willie Vanfeller really studying medicine?"  
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"I KEPT THE ROSE YOU GAVE ME."

vided his days into mornings for work, afternoons for fishing and rambling through the woods and gay little chats with Miss Penelope and her father after supper.

Miss Penelope forgot the shyness for which she was noted and talked of the things she had read and dreamed about for years as if she had actually lived them. Returning from school ten years before, she had not found the average youth of the community congenial. Her natural timidity and reticence had been mistaken for hauteur, and not one of the country swains had possessed the courage to ask her to go for the customary drives or to the yearly ice cream festival.

She had tended her flower garden, directed the management of her father's farm and for amusement had lived in a world of books and magazines. The only love of her life was a worship of Rudolph Rassendyll after reading "The Prisoner of Zenda." She unconsciously adapted her style of dress to the lines that she thought would have suited the modernness of Queen Flavia





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PECK.

### REDWOOD CITY NOTES IN BRIEF

Dr. Albert Laswell of Plumas County, is on a visit to his parents.

Mrs. Jane Kreiss was a visitor at the metropolis last week.

Dick Hanly spent last week with relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wilson have returned from a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. McKay of San Grigori.

The San Mateo Abstract Company has rented a store in the Barret Block, on A Street, and are having it fitted up for their office, which they will occupy as soon as the work is done.

Clara Taverner, daughter of L. Taverner of this city, was married in San Francisco, January 11th, to Mr. Arthur Linforth, a mining engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Linforth went to Butte, Montana, where they will make their future residence.

Professor Stanley Smith left for Seattle last week to resume his school duties in that city. His vacation was extended on account of his father's illness, but Mr. Smith is on the mend, so Stanley was able to resume his work.

A Literary and Debating Society was organized last week at the Grammar School. The officers chosen were Roy Cloud, President; John Dale, Secretary and Joseph Nash, M. L. Benson and O. M. Carrington, a committee to draft a constitution.

The Good Government League met in Forester's Hall last Saturday evening with a large attendance. After the routine business, an informal discussion was held. The speakers taking part were Rev. Kirtland, Messrs. Byrd, Dale, Bromfield, Wehe and Sexton. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, January 29th.

Mrs. Augusta Titus, an old resident, passed away at the home of her son at Alviso, Santa Clara County, on the 14th instant. The remains were

brought here for burial beside those of her husband in Union Cemetery. Mrs. Titus was 70 years of age and a native of Canada.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Congregational Church held their annual meeting last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. C. Kirtland. After reports showing good work done during the year, the following officers were elected for 1908. President, Mrs. A. Wilson; Vice-President, Mrs. C. C. Kirtland; Secretary, Mrs. F. George and Treasurer, Mrs. L. P. Behrens.

Tom Durham was in town on Monday last visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Durham has made his home in Lobitos for many years and is a well-known figure in Redwood, having made regular visits to the county seat.

Professor W. J. Clark, well known as the "Wizard of Electricity" delivered a lecture on that interesting theme at the Grammar School on Wednesday evening, which was well worth hearing. His demonstrations were truly wonderful.

#### COMPLIMENTARY WORDS.

Mrs. Norton left at this office a copy of the South San Francisco, California, ENTERPRISE. The edition is printed on heavy book paper and contains many half-tone photos of prominent men, business places, public buildings, residences, etc. We notice most of the photos were taken by J. F. Gillette, son of Mrs. Norton, formerly conducting a photograph gallery in Grass Lake. The pictures prove Mr. Gillette an artist of ability. — Grass Lake (Michigan) News.

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Mr. James Campbell has bought the house built by Mr. Franklin in Block "Q" and will put it in good order. It will be rented when ready.

Mr. A. Perkins, who is building on Randolph Avenue, Peck's Addition, has bought five lots in Block "D" upon which he intends to erect houses to sell upon easy payments.

E. C. Peck left for Los Angeles Wednesday morning to be at the bedside of his father whose death is expected at any moment. Mr. Peck, Sr., is 87 years old.

Dudley Dean, a Nome capitalist, was here Wednesday looking over Peck's lots. He and his associates are figuring on building a number of bungalows, for sale on easy terms. This is good business and will help the town greatly.

#### CHILDREN CLEAN STREETS.

The Pierce school in Brookline, Mass., has solved the problem of littered streets, in so far as the children of that school are concerned.

At first an attempt was made at abstract teaching, says the Boston Transcript, but it was without effect. Then something practical was devised. Each room held an election and selected four representatives for the Good Citizen's Club, making about fifty in all.

These met and selected officers, divided up the streets of the neighborhood and assigned a portion to each grade, making it absolutely responsible for conditions in its territory. Waste receptacles were needed and the children interviewed the assistant superintendent of streets and got them.

To keep up interest the teachers are conducted by the various squads over what they call their "beats." Healthy emulation has produced most desirable results.

Cleanliness and freedom from possible contagion made it necessary that

the children should not handle dirty papers, skins of fruit and other refuse with their fingers, so the manual training teachers got some volunteers from the club and collecting sticks were prepared for the workers.

The results of the experiment are manifest, and many favorable comments have come in from citizens and from the officials of the street department. School papers, which may easily be detected, are rarely found on the streets. It is observed, however, that refuse from other sources continues about the same, and it is thought it will probably remain so until adults learn from the children or till the younger generation takes the place of the present careless one.

The principal of the school says that one thing is certain: the members of the Good Citizens' Club of that Pierce school have bent their backs 2000 times in the course of a single week to pick up papers in our streets with indifference.

#### MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

What a Drop from "Pinafore" Days to the Current Hybrid Inanities.

The light and agreeable form of entertainment not quite accurately called "comic opera" has been through some interesting changes since James C. Duff brought "H. M. S. Pinafore" to this country nearly thirty years ago, says the New York Sun. Previous to that time French opera bouffe and German operetta, both with the texts in the original, gratified the small public appetite for this kind of performance. But with the disclosure of W. S. Gilbert's new vein of humor and his highly polished English dialogue and lyrics began the popularity of comic opera in the language of this country.

Even after the advent of the Gilbert-Sullivan product comic opera was chiefly drawn from French and German sources, the names of Audran, Lecocq, Planquette, Suppe, Dellinger and Strauss were printed often in the show type of the theatrical posters. Then came the period of the so-called "farce-comedy," in which literary cleverness, consistent fooling and

artistic no man's land gave way to horseplay, nonsense and the humor of the street.

From this emerged a species of comic opera which was a hybrid and a very poor one at that, and a form of entertainment incapable of an appeal to the most cultured taste became the pastime of those who seek the theater in search of momentary occupation for idle minds. And now a new form has arrived. This consists of a sentimental tale of the Laura Jean Libby type developed along dramatic lines laid down in the masterpieces of Kremer, Blaney and George M. Cohan, and crudely interrupted at various inopportune moments by songs sometimes pitifully pathetic.

Probably this sort of thing will have a fleeting vogue, for it is a large country and its theatrical digestion is young and vigorous. Nevertheless, it is safe to say that if another Gilbert were to arise with a new vein of polished wit he would easily find his Sullivan, and comic opera would emerge from the Avernus into which it has easily descended. Meanwhile, those who have an interest in theatrical attempts may observe with wonder the prevalent essays at decorating lugubrious melo drama with show girls, voiceless comedians and the choral dance.

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